

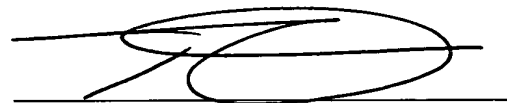
REMARKS

The above amendment with the following remarks is submitted to be fully responsive to the Official Action of June 20, 2005. Reconsideration of this application in light of the amendment and the allowance of this application are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-3, 12-14, 19-20, 23 and 26 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Gentner et al. Claims 7-11, 18, and 24-25 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Gentner et al. However claims 27-29 have been indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form including all limitations of the respective base claims. In response, independent claims 1, 13 and 19 have been amended to include all the limitations of dependent claims 27, 28 and 29, respectively. Thus, it is respectfully requested that independent claims 1, 13 and 19 are now allowable and a notice to the effect is respectfully requested. Likewise, dependent claims 2-12, 14-18 and 20-26 are believed to be allowable in at least that they depend on allowable base claims 1, 13 and 19.

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is respectfully requested. However, if the Examiner deems that any issue remains after considering this response, he is invited to call the undersigned to expedite the prosecution and work out any such issue by telephone.

Respectfully submitted,



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